

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 124

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gordon Fee for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon Fee, is one such estimable person who has served with dedication and probity in the area of education reform; and

WHEREAS, for the last four administrations, Mr. Fee has played a leadership role in the effort for reform by being involved with various initiatives and legislation including the Education Improvement Act of 1992, the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002, the Tennessee Diploma Project, Race to the Top, First to the Top, and Complete College TN; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fee has had a laudable career in the field of engineering; he obtained his Bachelor degree from Penn State and his Masters degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Tennessee; soon thereafter, he began a career in the Oak Ridge area; first at Union Carbide Corporation then at Martin Marietta; and

WHEREAS, at Martin Marietta, Mr. Fee served as the Vice President of the Y-12 Oak Ridge plant; in 1993 he was named President of Lockheed Martin Energy Systems and appointed to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Penn State and was an Alumni Fellow of the Eberly College of Science; and

WHEREAS, as part of his devotion to the improvement of the educational system, Mr. Fee currently co-chairs the East Tennessee Public School Forum; he served as the chairman of

the Education Committee of the Tennessee Business Roundtable for fifteen years and currently serves on the executive committee and education committee; and

WHEREAS, from 1996 – 2000 Mr. Fee humbly served as the executive director of the School to Career Initiative for the Tennessee Department of Education, earning only one dollar per year; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Governor's Council for Excellence in Higher Education; he received the McKee Award from the Partners in Education for his work involving the business commitments with public schools; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Fee has devoted his time to serving on the Board of Directors for, Tennessee Tomorrow, The Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, American Museum of Science and Energy Foundation, Heritage Railroad Authority, Great Smokey Mountains Boy Scout Council, and the Tennessee Business Roundtable; he also returned to his alma mater to serve on the University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fee has been a diligent participant in the effort to improve the educational system in Tennessee; he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; his dedication to his profession and to the good people of this State is unparalleled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby thank and commend Mr. Gorgon Fee for his many contributions the good people of Tennessee and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.